

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

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Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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A. Background

BLM Office: Border Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: SRP OR-135-08-CX-005

NEPA Log Number: OR-135-08-CX-011

Proposed Action Title: Motorcycle Sport Ride SRP

Location of Proposed Action: Lakeview Ranch, Lincoln County, WA. 22N, 32E, Sec. 4, 9, 10, 11, 15

Description of Proposed Action: The 5-year Organized Group Special Recreation Permit application by the StumpJumpers Motorcycle Club is for optional motorcycle rider access to existing two-track roads designated for motorized vehicle use, on BLM public land in the north half of the Lakeview Ranch site, during the Desert 100 Dual Sport Ride on April 5th - 6th, 2008, including the event and clean-up. This is a repeat event in its fourth year. To date, event participants and organizers have not abused the public lands. The main loop course is more than 100 miles long not including BLM access, crossing private property and utilizing public roads on a combination of existing dirt bike trails, and two-track, gravel, and paved roads.

- A maximum of 25 motorcycle riders will be allowed to participate on BLM public lands at this event. Because the access point to the optional BLM route is located near the end of the main loop course, the event organizers believe most participants will prefer to bypass riding on BLM public land due to fatigue.
- All participants and event supervisors must keep motorized vehicles on designated roads.
- Off-Road riding is prohibited.
- All participants will ride in a manner to preserve the condition of the trail. No spinning out or intentional tearing up of the trail surface.
- These trails are multi-use and may have other hikers, horseback riders or drivers - riders must operate motorcycles at safe speeds—we recommend under 25 miles per hour.
- All participants must respect private lands—trespassing not allowed.
- All participants must respect wildlife by slowing down or stopping to avoid stressing animals.
- The permit holder must pack out all trash after the event.
- Cattle may be grazing in T. 22 N., R. 32 E., Sections 4 and 9. The wire gate entering into this section of trail must have a gate person present during the event, to open and close this gate as participants pass through. At the end of this event, the gate person will make sure this gate is closed. All participants will ride in a manner that will not disturb livestock.

- A BLM representative will check the condition of the trail after the event and will call the permit holder if there are issues or concerns.
- The activities will be monitored by BLM employees to ensure compliance.
- Prior to the event, participants will be provided a pamphlet detailing the above stipulations regarding participation on BLM public lands, and they will also be discussed at a pre-event riders meeting.
- If the permit holder fails to hold to any of the above mitigating measures, the future Special Recreation Permit could be denied.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Chapter 2; General Management Objectives: 7. Manage public lands and keep access routes open for a variety of recreational opportunities/experiences, including both motorized and nonmotorized recreation activities.

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*):

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9H. (1)

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION		YES	NO
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:			
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

Authorizing Official: _____/S/ Alan F. Gardner_____ Date: __03/26/08_____
(Signature)

Name: Al Gardner

Title: Acting Field Manager, Border Resource Area

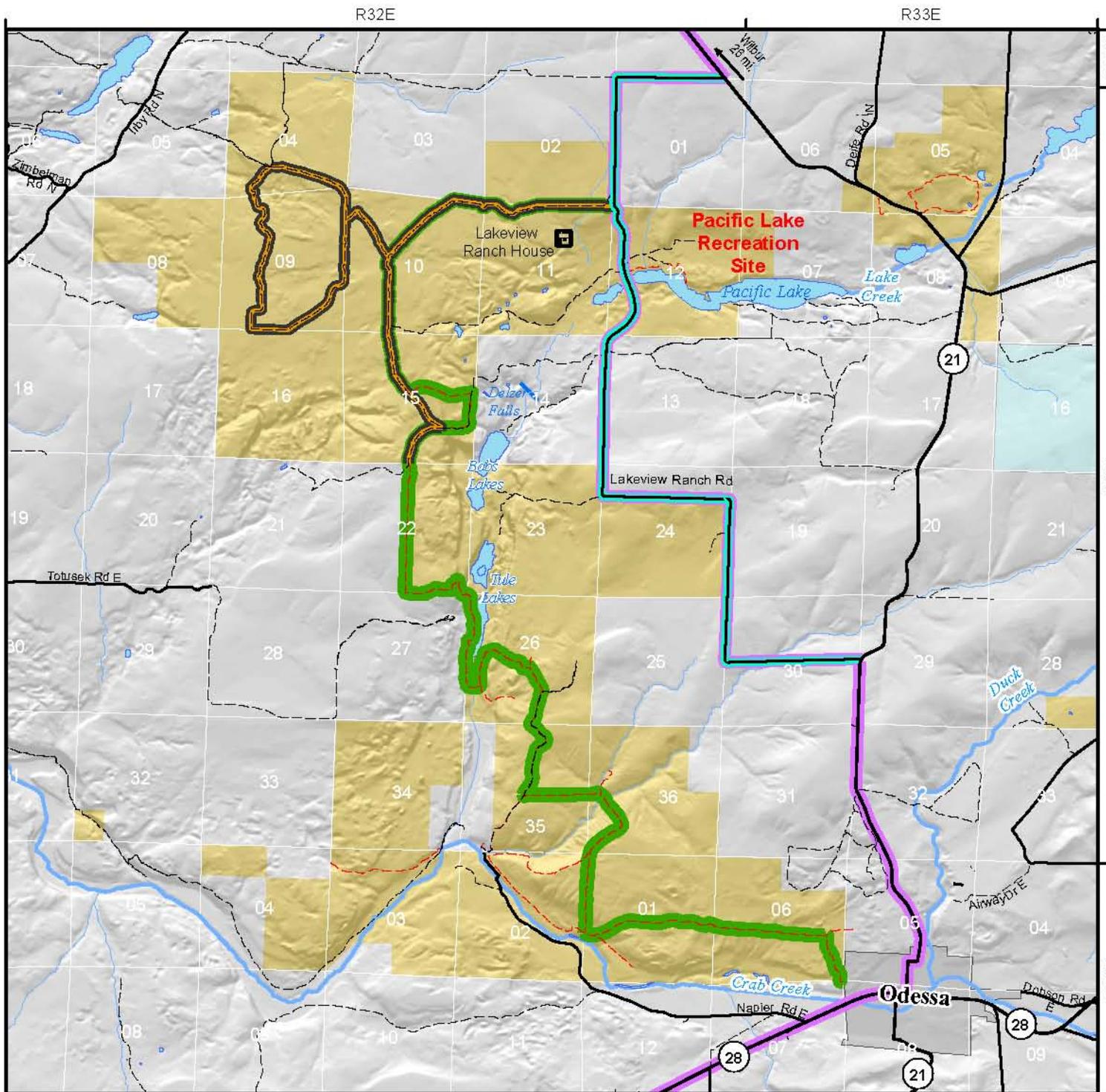
G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Steve A. Smith, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Border Resource Area, Steve_A_Smith@blm.gov, 509-536-1219

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Stump Jumper's Motorcycle Event

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-  Main Motorcycle Course
-  Optional BLM Lands Course
-  State Highway
-  Access Route
-  Improved Road
-  Other Road or Trail, Access as Designated
-  Other Road or Trail, Access as Designated
-  OHV Use Limited to Designated Road
-  Non-Motorized Trail
-  Odessa to Pacific Lake Trail
-  BLM Administered Land
-  WA Dept. of Natural Resources



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